

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12Q1/68

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	page 2, paragraph 2 page 8, paragraph 1-3 page 9 page 16, line 9 ----- -/-	8-10, 14-20

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Y	KRICHEVSKY A M ET AL: "A microRNA array reveals extensive regulation of microRNAs during brain development" RNA 01 OCT 2003 UNITED STATES, vol. 9, no. 10, 1 October 2003 (2003-10-01), pages 1274-1281, XP002321355 ISSN: 1355-8382 abstract; table 1	8-10, 14-20
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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